

REMARKS

This Amendment, filed in reply to the Office Action dated May 12, 2006 and Advisory Action dated August 28, 2006, is believed to be fully responsive to each point of rejection raised therein. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

Claims 2-4 and 9-10 had been objected to for including allowable subject matter but depending on rejected base claims. Applicant hereinabove rewrites independent claim 1 to include the patentable features of claim 2. Similarly, claims 7 and 8 have been rewritten to include the allowable subject matter of claim 2. These amendments should be entered because they place the application in condition for allowance without raising new issues in need of further search or consideration. Claims 5-6 are patentable based on their dependency.

Claims 3 and 9 are amended into independent form, and claims 4 and 10 are patentable based on their respective dependencies.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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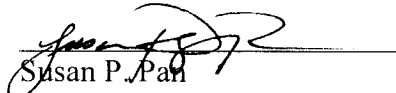
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